tion amongst police personnel who are freely demanding and getting regular grafts funds from pavement hawkers and vehicle owners for alleged infringement of rules etc. in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are also aware that is has become a routine for police stations and chowkies to get free food supplies from several Restaurants/Dhabas, etc.; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Vigilance inquiry is conducted whenever complaints are received. Suitable action is also taken if charges are substantiated.

Press Conference held by senior officials of US Administration in Delhi on International property

2495. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Press Conference was held by senior officials of the US Administration in Delhi on the 27th July, 1988 on International property;

(b) whether any Government officials from his Ministry attended the Press Conference;

(c) what is the detailed report received by his Ministry on this Press Conference;

(d) whether it is a fact the US officials openly criticised the Indian Patent Act in this Press Conference;

(e) whether his Ministry lodged a complaint with the US Government for this open criticism;

(f) whether it is also a fact US Government officials threatened to block Indian exports to the United States citing the example of Brazil; and

(g) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (g) A US delegation had visited India in July, 1988 for discussions on issues connected with the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and other bilateral issues with the Government of India. Two members of this delegation are understood to have briefed some journalists on the US views on Intellectual Property Rights. No Government official attended the briefing. However, the Ministry has seen the reports that have appeared in the press.

The US officials expressed the well-known views of the US government about the need for an international accord on intellectual property and about the adequacy of Indian patent laws. No action is called for by the government on these press statements

Central Assistance for environmental Improvement scheme in Madhya Pradesh

2496. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an environmental improvement scheme has been prepared for Madhya Pradesh at a cost of Rs 1.50 crores.

(b) whether the scheme coupled with the conservation and development of forests will be initiated in